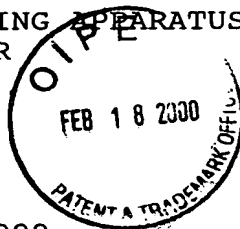


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Sir:

In response to the attachment to the Notice of Drawing Requirements, submitted herewith is one (1) sheet of formal drawings illustrating Figs. 1 and 2 in connection with the above-identified application.

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